



17<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed a fantastic start to the new term! The children have started the new year with enthusiasm and have quickly settled back into their routine.

### **Opening of Ormiston Cliff Park Nursery**

As we come to the end of the second week in the new nursery, we are so pleased with the way that the children are settling well and are enjoying their learning. We are delighted that the opening of the nursery is featured in the Great Yarmouth Mercury this week ([Ormiston Cliff Park Primary opens new nursery in Gorleston | Great Yarmouth Mercury](#)). We are looking forward to getting to know the children and their families over the week and months ahead.

Children are able to attend nursery from the start of the term following their third birthday and if you would like any further information or to arrange a tour, please contact the school office. We have some availability for this term and are currently taking bookings for future terms.



### **Personal Development – Communication Skills**

As part of our wider Personal Development Curriculum, we are once again focusing upon developing the children's communication skills throughout this half term. This is a strand which threads throughout the entire curriculum, and we are creating lots of opportunities for children to reflect upon the importance of clear communication and promoting opportunities for children to develop their confidence when speaking in a range of contexts as well as developing their ability to listen actively.

### **Norwich Castle Museum Visits**

This week, children in Year's 3 and 4 have enjoyed a visit to Norwich Castle Museum. Children in Year 3 examined genuine Egyptian artefacts, learnt about the mummification process and designed their own jewellery along with learning more about their current History topic: The Ancient Egyptian Civilisation.



Year 4 children had an exciting Saxon and Vikings day taking part in different activities throughout the day including storytelling, learning about trading and how being an archaeologist can help us understand history.



Both were very informative and enjoyable and all the children were excellent ambassadors for the academy. We would like to thank the team at Norwich Castle Museum for their support throughout these visits.

### **Parent and Carer Survey**

Thank you for completing the survey last term. We are delighted to share with you a summary of responses. Your feedback is very helpful to us and we will be using it to help to shape the way that we develop the academy. Whilst the feedback was overwhelmingly positive, we are initially focusing upon the response to question 6 and we are currently working on half termly curriculum guides for parents and carers, which will provide additional information about what your child will be learning. The first of these will be issued shortly before February half term and then on a half termly basis thereafter.

### **Uniform**

Thank you for your continued support of our uniform policy. At Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy, we consider the correct wearing of our uniform to be an important part of our school culture and identity as it encourages the children to take pride in being part of our learning community. A polite reminder please that, apart from in the nursery, children are required to wear black school shoes every day. For health and safety purposes, please can you also ensure that long hair is tied back, and that children only wear one pair of stud earrings. No further jewellery, make up or painted/false nails are permitted

We do hold a range of donated uniform in good, clean condition. Whilst we do not necessarily have all items in all sizes, where there is a need we are always happy to support families with uniform wherever we can.

In the coming weeks, we will be arranging a regular 'Freecycle' of uniform to support our families as well as the environment. Further details will follow shortly but, in the meantime, please contact the office or talk to one of our staff members if we can support you.

A polite reminder to ensure that all uniform is clearly labelled as this is essential when identifying and returning lost property.

### **Term Dates for the Academic Year 2025/26**

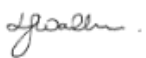
Attached to this Newsletter, you will find the agreed term dates for next academic year. To support our families, we have aligned these with Cliff Park Ormiston Academy (the High School).

When planning for holidays and events, please continue to make every effort to avoid taking children out of school for holidays during term times. It is important for parents/carers to complete a leave of absence form and have the opportunity to meet with a member of our Senior Leadership Team to discuss the application. Holiday absence does have a significant impact on children's progress as it is often not possible to fully catch up on learning missed so we appreciate your support in keeping this to an absolute minimum.

#### **Dates for your diary**

Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Year 6 Trip to Time & Tide Museum
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Parent Information Session 2.15pm – Securing attention and building engagement with learning.
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	SEND Café 8.30 - 9.15am
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception Stay and Play 8.30-9.15am - Chinese New Year
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Information Session 2.15pm – Promoting positive relationships/behaviour.
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception Stay and Play 2.00-2.45pm – Guess How Much I Love You
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	End of Spring Term 1 – Academy closes at 3/3.05pm for half-term
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Staff Development Day – Academy closed to all pupils
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Start of Spring Term 2
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Information Session 2.15pm – Multiplication and Division
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening for all year groups
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening for all year groups
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	SEND Café 8.30-9.15am
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Reception Stay and Play 8.30-9.15am – Easter crafts
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 5 Trip to Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception Stay and Play 8.30-9.15am – Keeping Healthy
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Stay and Play 8.30-9.15am – Summer is Here
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception Stay and Play 2.00-2.45pm – Celebrations

Yours sincerely



Mrs L Watkins  
Principal